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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
3COM Case No. 3241.CS.US.P
(MBHB Case No. 00-1070)

In re the Application of:)
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Ramankutty et al.)
) Group Art Unit 2661
Serial No.: 09/767,048)
) Examiner: Andrew W. Wahba
Filed: January 22, 2001)
) Confirmation No. 4450
For: LNS HIGH AVAILABILITY AND)
LOAD BALANCING WITH)
LNS-TO-LNS STATE OFFLOADING)

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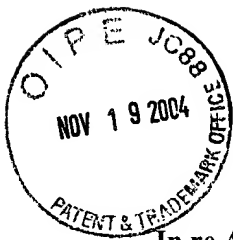
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 14, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments, remarks, and arguments.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.



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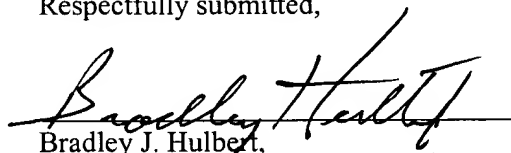
Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. I am transmitting herewith the attached:
 - a) response to the Office action mailed September 14, 2004; and
 - b) return receipt postcard.
2. With respect to fees:
 - a) no additional fees are due; and
 - b) please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
3. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on November 16, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 16, 2004


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